

Senate Study Bill 1073 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON WORKFORCE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON DICKY)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to boiler inspections.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 89.3, subsection 5, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (4), subparagraph division (b), Code 2023, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) The object is ~~an unfired steam pressure vessel and is~~
5 part of or integral to the continuous operation of a process
6 covered by and compliant with the occupational safety and
7 health administration process safety management standard
8 contained in 29 C.F.R. §1910.119 and the owner demonstrates
9 such compliance to a special inspector or the commissioner.
10 The ~~unfired steam pressure vessel~~ object must also be included
11 as process safety management process equipment in the ~~owner~~
12 ~~of the unfired steam pressure vessel's~~ owner's process safety
13 management program.

14 Sec. 2. Section 89.3, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. The owner of an object that meets all
17 of the criteria in subsection 5, paragraph "a", may request from
18 the commissioner an internal inspection time period of longer
19 than four years, but not to exceed seven years, if the object
20 is an integral part of a continuous operation of a process
21 that is covered by and compliant with the occupational safety
22 and health administration process safety management standard
23 contained in 29 C.F.R. §1910.119 and has a planned outage
24 schedule that is longer than four years. The commissioner
25 shall grant the longer inspection interval if the owner is able
26 to demonstrate to a special inspector or the commissioner that
27 the object is in compliance with the process safety management
28 standard contained in 29 C.F.R. §1910.119 and that the object
29 is included as process safety management process equipment
30 in the owner's process safety management program. The owner
31 of the object that is granted the longer inspection interval
32 shall comply with the requirements contained in subsection 5,
33 paragraph "b".

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill relates to boiler inspections.

3 The bill modifies one of the criteria necessary for a boiler
4 or pressure vessel to be inspected at least once each year
5 externally while under pressure and at least once every four
6 years internally while not under pressure, unless the labor
7 commissioner determines an earlier inspection is warranted.
8 Under current law, one of the criteria for an unfired steam
9 pressure vessel to be eligible for such an inspection schedule
10 is that the vessel is part of or integral to the continuous
11 operation of a process covered by and compliant with a
12 specified occupational safety and health administration
13 process safety management standard, and the owner demonstrates
14 such compliance to a special inspector or the commissioner.
15 Additionally, the vessel must also be included as process
16 safety management process equipment in the owner of the unfired
17 steam pressure vessel's process safety management program. The
18 bill provides that this criterion is not limited to unfired
19 steam pressure vessels, but includes any boiler or pressure
20 vessel.

21 The bill also authorizes the owner of a boiler or pressure
22 vessel meeting certain criteria as specified in the bill to
23 request from the commissioner an internal inspection time
24 period of longer than four years, but not to exceed seven
25 years, if the boiler or vessel is an integral part of a
26 continuous operation of a process that is covered by and
27 compliant with a specified occupational safety and health
28 administration process safety management standard and has a
29 planned outage schedule that is longer than four years. The
30 commissioner shall grant the longer inspection interval if the
31 owner is able to demonstrate to a special inspector or the
32 commissioner that the object is in compliance with the process
33 safety management standard and that the object is included as
34 process safety management process equipment in the owner's
35 process safety management program. The bill requires the owner

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1 of the object that is granted the longer inspection interval
2 to comply with additional inspections and recordkeeping
3 requirements as specified in the bill.